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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

SECSTATE WASHDC 1207

INFO AMCONSUL KARACHI

AMCONSUL LAHORE

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FROM RGO

DEPT FOR BURT INR/MP

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AINR, PK

SUBJECT: VISIT TO PAKISTAN BY RGO

REF: A. ISLAMABAD 10515; B. ISLAMABAD 10516

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF. A., REGIONAL GEOGRAPHIC OFFICER COLBERT HELD SUSPENDING PLANS FOR MISSION TO PAKISTAN SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 17. RGO WILL AWAIT EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS AS INDICATED PARA 4 REF. A AND WILL REMAIN READY TO TRAVEL TO ISLAMABAD ON SHORT NOTICE, ON ASSUMPTION TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF CONTER-PROPOSAL WILL REQUIRE CONSULTATION BETWEEN EMBASSY AND RGO. HOWEVER, IF MFA'S ESTIMATE OF "3-4 DAYS" FOR PRESENTATION OF GOP'S COUNTER-PROPOSAL REGARDING PROPECTIVE MAP EXCHANGE IN EVEN REMOTELY VALID, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ORIGINAL TIMING OF VISIT IS IDEAL AND THAT ALL CONCERNED, INCLUDING MFA, SHOULD CONTINUE THINKING IN TERMS OF TIME FRAME OF LATE NOVEMBER FOR RGO VISIT TO PAKISTAN, ALBEIT FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSE THAN ORIGINALLY ENVISIONED. VISITS TO LAHORE AND QUETTA WOULD, PRESUMABLY, BE CANCELLED.

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2. THE ABOVE NOTWITHSTANDING, IT IS HOPED THAT DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY AGREE THAT EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS RESERVATIONS TO MAF RE MFA'S STANCE ABOUT RGO'S VISITS TO GOP AGENCIES. ACCEPTANCE OF MFA STANCE WITHOUT CONTEST COULD HAMPER FUTURE EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN FLOW OF ESSENTIAL PUBLICATIONS, REPORTS, AND OTHER MATERIALS TO USG AGENCIES FROM PAKISTAN, ESPECIALLY IF NO EXCHANGED AGREEMENT IS REACHED OR IF AGREEMENT LONG DELAYED. EMBASSY MIGHT LIKE INFORM MFA THAT PAKISTAN IS THE ONLY COUNTRY AMONG THE 19 BETWEEN GREECE AND PAKISTAN VISITED REGULARLY BY THE RGO THAT DOES NOT PERMIT FREE ACCESS BY THE RGO TO OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE AGENCIES. THE EVENTUAL EXCHANGE MAY RPT MAY SUPPLY USG WITH ALL MATERIAL DESIRED, BUT AS STATED IN PARA 3 OF REF. A, CLOSE CONTACT WITH AGENCIES MUST BE REGULARLY MAINTAINED TO ASCERTAIN WHAT IS AVAILABLE. EMBASSY'S HAVING EMPHASIZED THIS POINT TO MFA IS APPRECIATED AND COMMENDED. MFA MAY BE INFORMED THAT PAK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MAY WISH VISIT USG AGENCIES IN FUTURE TO LEARN WHAT MATERIALS GOP MIGHT WANT UNDER EXCHANGE IF AGREEMENT REACHED.

3. FOR ISLAMABAD: ASSUME ALL HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR RGO AND WIFE WILL BE CANCELLED BY RELEVANT POSTS AT APPROPRIATE TIME. PLEASE INFORM NETTLES THAT MRS. HELD'S TICKET BEING POUCHED BACK NOVEMBER 8 FOR CANCELLATION AND REFUND. RGO WILL BE UNACCOMPANIED IF HE VISIT PAKISTAN EITHER AT TIME SCHEDULED OR LATER. PLANS WITH NETTLES SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPENDED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. FOR DEPARTMENT (INR/MP): WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENT ON RGO'S TENTATIVE PLANS. MP MAY ALSO WISH SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL, BUT CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN FACT THAT PLANNING FOR TRAVEL ANYWHERE IN AREA MUST BE MADE WELL IN ADVANCE THESE DAYS.  
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